
GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion work

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/08/20 18:18

Using the com_smftofb component.

Firstly this is not as easy as it should be, you may not get errors you may.. chances are though you are going to at some point get a problem..

The issue as far as I can see is with special characters in categories (at least) so things like apostrophe(' yup these little buggers)s will screw up your transfer.

The files you want to arm yourself with are linked to this post, if the files get updated I will add them to this first post so we dont have another 30+ page headwreck trying to stay with which files are current, as of now this appears to be working in some context with:

Component - Fireboard 1.01-build1
com_smftofb
and importantly - smf_2_fb_v2.txt

So to begin...

If you have fireboard installed now get rid of it, delete all the fireboard folders on your server in /components and /administrator/components if there are any left behind, go into your db and delete the relevant fireboard entries too so either mos_fb_ or jos_fb_ depending if you were once a mambo user that converted to joomla!

Install the fireboard component in the usual way, once it is installed leave it * Do not click on create database *

Unzip the com_smftofb.zip folder and then go into your server backend and to the /components directory, in here you need to upload the unzipped com_smftofb folder and contents.

Now log into your phpmyadmin or your regular db editing app you will soon be adding a sql query but before that...

Bear in mind that the table prefixes are set as jos_ so if you are using the mos_ prefix you will need to edit this file in wordpad or of like me you use linux, kwrite or kate. Simply go into replace and add jos_ as the term you want searching and mos_ as the term you want it replacing with, let it scan and replace and if you get the option to start from the beginning click yes so it picks all of them up.

Now your sql query is set correctly you can now add the data, you need to click on the SQL tab or query tab and insert the code within the smf_2_fb_v2.txt file, click go and this should execute the query successfully, if not go back and retrace your steps to make sure everything else is set correctly.

So.. the state of play is as follows...

You have installed the component, then you have manually added the conversion component and finally you have prepared the database with the correct tables needed for this to work (remember theoretically =O)

So now if you are feeling fairly chuffed you have got this far you should be, it took me about 100 pages of reading to get all the info together for it to get to this stage and actually work.

Next, go to your browser and type:http://yourdomain.com/index.php?option=com_smftofb and then hit enter:

** remember to substitute the yourdomain.com with your actual domain URL - you would be surprised how many forget. **

so from here you will see the SMF to Fireboard import screen - hurrah! nearly done

go down the list clicking the yellow boxes in order and allowing them to complete, depending on the size of your forum you might have quite a wait so get a drink and prepare to be bored, in fact you could wile away the time by writing a tutorial on how to make the smf to fireboard conversion work (oh wait, thats what im doing!)

In any case if you are happy with the output from the conversion click to finish and remove the com_smftofb directory from /components, if you have noticed missing files etc go and try and look for the common element that has caused this (back to special characters again I feel)

This is not an exhaustive guide, I am no programmer but I hope this at least helps untangle your heads about how to make SMF to FB work for you.

regards

Leigh Godson (Bunglehaze)

www.moltenpixel.co.uk http://www.bestofjoomla.com/images/fbfiles/files/smf_2_fb_v2.txt

http://www.bestofjoomla.com/components/com_fireboard/uploaded/files/smf_to_fb_v2.txt

http://www.bestofjoomla.com/files/fireboard/builds/component_Fireboard_Forum_1.0.1_build_1.zip

http://www.bestofjoomla.com/images/fbfiles/files/com_smftofb.zip

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Re:GUIDE-SOLVED

Posted by harley130 - 2007/08/20 22:48

Ok, everything worked fine up until I tried to type in the http://yourdomain.com/option,com_smftofb to my browser. When I hit enter it flips me to my site's homepage. I noticed your instructions said to type "enter", where is this to be inserted? I am using my domain name instead of "yourdomain" so thats not the problem. I inserted all of the files in the correct folders also. Any help would be appreciated.

Added: Ok, found the solution in another post, the entry into the browser should be:

http://yourdomain.com/components/index.php?option=com_smftofb and then hit enter. That brings up the import page.

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion work

Posted by ntzeke - 2007/08/21 03:06

I keep getting the error:

MySQL said:

#1050 - Table 'jos_fb_announcement' already exists

Any help? I am far from an expert on these things but I can follow any directions if they are spelled out to me like above. Thanks for the effort so far.

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by harley130 - 2007/08/21 04:04

Somewhere back in the SMF to FB thread I remember seeing that same error message. Read through the thread and see if you can find it. I know it's there somewhere.

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by ntzeke - 2007/08/21 06:30

Ok, got it!! I simply dropped all `jos_fb_*****` tables.

THANKS A LOT for this great tutorial on how to do this. I have looked over that thread many times and would never have been able to decipher it.

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/08/21 11:18

No problem, im glad it helped!

I managed to use this method to convert from vbulletin to smf and then to fireboard and while it has not worked perfectly it did the trick enough for me to get my forum running again.

cheers

leigh :D

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by airnikez - 2007/08/23 03:23

i was able to get the posts and users converted to fireboard. but now the replies to the postings and the child boards are in its own post and boards!

how do you fix that?

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/08/23 03:27

Manually by the looks of it... To be honest the current system is totally inadequate for anyone to seriously consider using apart from the beta test, you will find LOADS of errors like this after conversion and unfortunately 10.2 does not even work with the converter otherwise I might have been able to test that one out instead.

cheers

leigh :D

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by miamats - 2007/08/24 13:30

Stupid question perhaps? Where do I find the com_smftofb component zip-file???

.Mats

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by miamats - 2007/08/24 13:50

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Edit, ok now I can see them. Thanx.

.Mats

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by harley130 - 2007/08/24 15:24

miatamats wrote:
Stupid question perhaps? Where do I find the com_smftofb component zip-file???

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The only stupid question is the one not asked!

It is located in another thread on the SMF_FB converter. Just click on this link and it will download it for you.

http://www.bestofjoomla.com/components/com_fireboard/uploaded/files/com_smftofb.zip

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/08/24 16:34

Mats, sorry about that, for some reason I uploaded the txt file twice. the smf to fb component is now added to the first post again.

cheers

leigh :D

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion work

Posted by trawets - 2007/09/01 12:44

Hi :laugh:

I like to say thanks to "bunglehaze" for the quite comprehensive guide, and the good news for me that with a little tweaking it worked for me so :cheer: :cheer:

Now I only have a small forum of a 100 posts or so, the problem of all post being assigned there own thread No wasn't really that much of a problem, but for some one with thousands of posts it would be a serious problem.

So as a point to concentrate for any of the converter coders is a way to marry up the fields 'thread' and 'parent' from the fb_messages table with the 'ID_Topic' and 'ID_Board' fields in the smf_messages table. wish I had an idea on how

That was all really that went wrong except a few smilies went a miss but no serious problems.

So thanks again because I had tried quite a few flavours of converter with some pretty weird results. Only thing don't rush this method it takes time so be prepared to wait :) :) :)

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by Lord_ZealoN - 2007/09/01 16:48

Hi all

I have a SMF forum with 720 users. 6 are collaborators for the web, and has a user for Joomla too.

I'm trying to get FireBird as forum, and all seems good, but only 6 users are sync (the 6 existing in joomla installation).

How can I get all the users created in joomla?

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by trawets - 2007/09/01 18:13

Hi :laugh:

only 6 users are sync (the 6 existing in joomla installation).

How can I get all the users created in joomla?

All I know about this is that I had synchronised my users in the smf configuration, but I think it was part of the bridge component you don't mention if your board is in the same db or separate, I know it makes a big difference

:) :)

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion work

Posted by Lord_ZealoN - 2007/09/01 18:21

I backed up the SMF forum and copied into the joomla database.

But, I didn't find a template for WAP (my site is for BlackBerry users), and I think, FireBoard, is not for me at the moment :(

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by nospamacct - 2007/09/02 01:42

After I installed fireboard and executed the sql statement. I have uploaded the com_smftofb folder to /components.

When I update the url and execute this command I get a Page no found.

`http://yourdomain.com/components/index.php?option=com_smftofb`

i have backed up all the way to index.php and everything works.

What am I doing wrong. I did change the yourdomain.com to the my own url

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by harley130 - 2007/09/02 05:02

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I posted the correct command in the second post on this same thread, just look on page 1

Correct command

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by nospamacct - 2007/09/02 18:55

Thanks, it is converting now.

EDIT: Any idea why many posts are empty? All the users and topics are there, but there are a ton of missing posts, just entries with no text.

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by fistersn - 2007/09/06 14:54

I have follow this guide step for step and it seemst to worked well until I try to access the forum from the frontpage.

Here i got this error message

Fatal error: Cannot redeclare forum_time() (previously declared in /home/sulkesli/public_html/forum/Sources/Subs.php:915) in /home/sulkesli/public_html/components/com_fireboard/sources/fb_timeformat.class.php on line 166

Forget it, I worked it out...

It is smart to search the forum before asking..... ;)

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bencornwell - 2007/09/10 04:57

Hey Guys,

About to have a crack at converting from SMF - Can you double check that link for com_smftofb please?

http://www.bestofjoomla.com/components/com_fireboard/uploaded/files/com_smftofb.zip is pointing to a 404 atm...

Thanks,

Ben

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by kerman - 2007/09/11 00:48

I see that the upload folder has been changed, so http://www.bestofjoomla.com/images/fbfiles/files/com_smftofb.zip is the new path...somebody can told this beforeEe!!!!

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bencornwell - 2007/09/11 01:11

thanks - much appreciated mate :)

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bencornwell - 2007/09/12 12:59

bunglehaze, Bloody brilliant work mate - Worked perfectly first time, sincere thanks for your efforts!

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/09/12 13:11

No problem m8, glad I could help...

Over the next few weeks I will likely be putting together a few tutorials on fireboard to help users get the most out of their forums, these will be based on my personal experience on how to get the board working on all cylinders.

In the meantime have a look at my install of fireboard to see the modifications in practice
<http://www.phishybusiness.co.uk/phorum>

cheers

leigh :D

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by Don Piero - 2007/09/12 14:31

Hi! I got the same probleme...

I only have 6 smf users who also is smf users.... And when i converted it. only these 6 persons are converted into the fireboard. The rest is shown as visitors...
Does anyone know how to solve this probleme? I have checked up som ebridges if they could to the thing, but havent founded the rught one yet.
Do anyone of you guys know how?

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/09/12 18:38

what version smf and fireboard are you using? Are the users synched with joomla already?

cheers

leigh :D

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by Don Piero - 2007/09/12 19:29

Smf version 1.1
Joomla version 1.13

The thing i wonder how to was a sync from smf to joomla...

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/09/12 19:39

Which version of Fireboard are you using Don Piero??

If you have smf and joomla bridged at the moment you can synchronise the users using the bridge - I cant advise on this though as I dont have any of the smf bridges.

You need to have the smf users table imported into the joomla users table - check the faq of your bridge creator to figure out that one m8.

cheers

leigh :D

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by Don Piero - 2007/09/12 20:24

I tried to convert from smf to fireboard 1.03! Everything went well except of the users...

Do you have a clue on which bridge i can use to sync smf with joomla?

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/09/12 20:35

Ok well first things first read the tutorial again... convert to fireboard 1.01 build 1 and you might have more luck THEN convert from 1.01 to 1.03

cheers

leigh:D

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by indianajosh - 2007/09/15 15:20

I tried this once, and everything seemed to work, but only few of my message were brought over. So I tried the process again, but this time I get "Access is denied" errors when clicking the button in com_smftofb. Why is this?

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/09/15 16:02

No idea bud, have you checked your file permissions for the directory and convert file? Also did you clear out your old database before retrying?

cheers

leigh :D

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by merlinus3000 - 2007/09/15 20:33

Hi,

Followed all the steps. Didnt get any error. But i get the problem with the number of messagages transfered.

And also when i import the categories i tells me that it's truncated, is something missing ?

Some stats about the transfer

Before : There are 210575 messages, 5004 users
After : Total Messages: 193777 Total Subjects: 4326

I seem to lost a part of it, and everytime i do it again, i get a different number of messages transfered. And if i do it again without cleaning, i get more than supposed to be but with a lot of doubles.

What is the problem and how could it be solved ? Thanks for the help provided.

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/09/15 20:44

Ok, firstly what version FB are you using?? A lot of ppl are trying a straight convert to 1.03 which will not work, it has to be 1.01 build 1... Next have you checked your forum for apostrophe's in the category names (ie ' those) Also what versions of Joomla and SMF are you using?

If you have removed those then look at forums that have the same name (I had 2 in my conversion, edit the names then onto the next thing)

Did you use the sql update attached to the first post? If not empty all your mos(jos)_fb tables and use the data in the script.

If all this has been done and double checked scream and post a reply :D

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by indianajosh - 2007/09/15 21:43

bunglehaze wrote:

No idea bud, have you checked your file permissions for the directory and convert file? Also did you clear out your old databasebefore retrying?

cheers

leigh :D

Yeah, file permissions was the problem. Thanks. B) I'm going to see if it converts all the messages now.

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by indianajosh - 2007/09/15 22:27

Many more messages were converted this time, but they were all mixed up and out of order. :(

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by merlinus3000 - 2007/09/15 22:48

I followed all the steps you gave and i used the files you provided (1.01 build 1), including the SQL data.

Had two categories with (') and i changed their name. Didnt get the error message later.

SMF 1.0.13
Joomla 1.0.12 (ugprading to 13 now)

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/09/15 23:00

Im not sure how it works with SMF1.13 to be honest, I tested it out on SMF 1.11 and joomla 1.012 then upgraded joomla afterwards, I dont see it not working with the newer joomla version though.

How competent are you at mysql? Can you check your db tables in (say) users, posts and categories against the structure of 1.11?

cheers

leigh

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/09/15 23:01

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by merlinus3000 - 2007/09/15 23:36

The problem of not exporting all the messages was with Joomla 1.0.12 not with 13.

Does symbols like : é, è and , could create problems ?

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bencornwell - 2007/09/16 01:13

The problem of not exporting all the messages was with Joomla 1.0.12 not with 13.

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I followed the guide bunglehaze put together and it worked superbly for me. Was migrating from SMF 1.1.3 directly to Joomla 1.5 (in compatability mode) running Fireboard 1.0.3. I think the big issue is to make sure you've dropped any fireboard tables in the first instance to make sure the scripts aren't trying to recreate tables that already exist.

Having a look under the hood - it looks like the migration queries are being run using Joomla's DBO objects. In most cases that code is reliable, but it can certainly be difficult getting debug info for queries that are failing. If you're encountering problems, I'd strongly recommend checking your mysql error/warning logs (typically in /var/log/mysql/) and

look for any failing queries and diagnose from there.

I didn't encounter any problems with special char encoding.

Finally, migrating the users accounts isn't a seamless yet process owing to things like a different password encryption process between SMF and Joomla, potential primary key conflicts between data in jos_users and smf_members. I'm working on a migration script for my own forums, and while I can't guarantee it'll work in all cases, I'll post back with it once I get it working :)

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by merlinus3000 - 2007/09/17 14:33

Hi,

Tried again by switching back to Joomla 1.0.12.

Then deleted all the fb data in phpmyadmin and all the files.

All the users are sync (5004 users)

Even removed all the é è à & ' , - from the board sections

But I still cant to have all my messages transfed, i get between 150 000 and 190 000 each time i transfer and i have 210 574 at the beginning.

Could anyone provide a hack or an idea to resolve that problem. Thanks guys B)

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/09/22 14:39

Just so you all know the file location for the txt file has changed, I will try and get the original and upload it myself again for you.

cheers

leigh :D

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by Cynthia Blue - 2007/09/25 00:52

I am following the instructions... I had to copy my SMF database tables into the same DB as Joomla is installed, no problem, got that done.

I ran the SQL to create the tables in Joomla for the new FB install.

I installed the FB 1.01 build 1 component and did nothing after...

I uploaded the com_smftofb folder, unzipped, through FTP into the components directory.

When I try to hit the URL

http://mydomain.com/udjoomla/components/index.php?option=com_smftofb

I get a 404 page not found error.

If I hit the directory itself ../components/com_smftofb it tells me Resitricted Access.. so I know it's hitting the PHP page. But not sure why the index.php?option=com_smftofb is not working. It's just passing the variable into index.php... Hrm. I would love some help!

I've changed the permissions on the directory and the files to 777. That didn't help. I'm not sure why it's not finding the file. Should I be seeing the installed component in the admin panel through Joomla? Because I am not seeing it there.

Thanks, Cynthia

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/09/25 00:57

try:

http://mydomain.com/udjoomla/index.php?option=com_smftofb

does that work?

cheers

leigh :D

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by Cynthia Blue - 2007/09/25 01:00

Bah nevermind.. I swear I always find the answer 5 mins after I ask a question. :p

But, It looks like I did read the instructions right, they may need to be modified.

Instead of

http://mysite.com/udjoomla/components/index.php?option=com_smftofb

It should be

http://mysite.com/udjoomla/index.php?option=com_smftofb

:)

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by Cynthia Blue - 2007/09/25 01:35

Oh except that I do not have an joomla/SMF bridge so my users are still in SMF only... any quick ways to get my users into Joomla?

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/09/25 01:48

im not sure im afraid, I had a bridge that didnt seem to work so I just converted anyway... My users were in fireboard and because they were already registered through my ipb hack there was no need to worry.

have you tried logging in after the conversion to see if the memebtrs were there? remember to recount after your conversion too so your posts/users etc show up properly.

cheers

leigh :D

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by Cynthia Blue - 2007/09/25 04:34

Nope, no users. Checked the admin panel and the database. Hrmph.

Guess my move to Joomla will have to wait until I figure out how to get the users over.

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by mejean - 2007/09/25 12:06

Transfert seem to be OK (from backend) but I can't see my fireboard forum on frontpage :
http://www.patrimoine-naturel.org/component?option=com_fireboard&Itemid,33/

I use OpenSEF, but if it's desactivated, the forum still don't work :
http://www.patrimoine-naturel.org/index.php?option=com_fireboard&Itemid=33

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by Cynthia Blue - 2007/09/26 00:11

I plan on writing a script to import my users.
I assume I have to import my users to both jos_users and jos_fb_users? How do those relate to each other? Of course I only want my users to have one login.

Thanks.

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by Cynthia Blue - 2007/09/26 17:44

I wrote the scripts and my users are now all imported. :)

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by Cynthia Blue - 2007/09/26 19:47

Okay, me again... as I go along I see things that didn't quite work. My users are not tied together with their imported posts. As far as I can tell, the jos_fb_messages table contains the post information as well as the User ID. Is this what ties together the Post with the User?

Because I updated all my own posts with a userid that cooresponds to my ID on both jos_users and jos_fb_users

Thanks

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by kask - 2007/09/27 15:10

Hello,

I'm sorry for my bad english :S .

Well, i used this converter in my site with FF 1.0.3 stable. That's right but i have just one bug.

All thread aren't respected... I try to explain

BEFORE IN SMF :

One thread

TOPIC 1

BIABIABLABLABALB

 I_ Answer 1 : bbabalbalbalbalbalab

 I_ Answer 2 : oh ok blalbalblalblaba

 I_ Answer to Answer 2 : blablalbalbalba

etc....

AFTER THE CONVERTER

TOPIC 1 : Blalblalblalbla

New TOPIC 2 : answer 1 : bbabalbalbalbalbalab

New TOPIC 3: Answer to Answer 2 : blablalbalbalba

So if you understand me (i hope !), i lost my "structure" of all my forum's thread ?

Have you got an idea ?

Thanks

Kask

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by moonray - 2007/10/06 06:47

I have converted form bridged SMF to Fireboard with some success.

Issues:

Attachments are missing

Replies show as new topics themselves

One of the moderation comboboxes (the second/larger) is not active, so cannot even manually merge these first posts and replies into one thread

An attempt to "Move" a thread resulted in the thread itself being irreversibly deleted.

Old posts (made in SMF) are not counted in 'User post Count'

I could some other things like user ranks etc by adding/updating some database columns.

Overall, though the move was successful, I am left with some important issues

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by airgasm - 2007/10/26 00:02

Hi Guys, I found this converter to work very well however, although it picked up all the categories, it did skip some boards showing some categories did not exist. I have to iron out that problem before I attempt to go live.

It also found the attachments and placed them in the correct post. As the author says "I only works with 101 build 1" so it is necessary to upgrade. The best thing to suggest is don't uninstall the old version, rename the components folder, then

install the ver 103, move the uploads folder from the older version to the appropriate 103 component folder since this will only be used for historical posts that have attachments. All new attachments etc will go to domainname/images/fbfiles/etc. Delete the old version.

An interesting piece of work, cheers

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion work

Posted by amedeus - 2007/10/30 16:02

good guide, but found to many errors hope the fb team will release a complete converter soon.

thanks anyway

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by mwq27 - 2007/10/30 22:34

Ok I am trying this conversion and am running into an error early. I put a folder named com_smftob in the components directory, and unzipped the files into it. when i type in http://localhost/joomla/index.php?option=com_smftob , i get a 404 error. I even tried http://localhost/joomla/components/index.php?option=com_smftob, it tells me the component is not installed. I am using Joomla 1.5. Could someone please help. The second way doesnt work because there is no index.php in the components folder. thanks

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by mwq27 - 2007/10/30 23:21

Fixed Problem!!

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by oobie - 2007/11/04 05:55

Guys, rather than ask a number of separate questions, I thought I'd just tell you where I am and where I want to go...

I am here:

Mambo 4.5.3h

SMF 1.0.8

Mambohacks Bridge 1.3.1.3

I want to go here:

Joomla 1.0.13 (or Joomla 1.5 - not sure though)

Fireboard latest

I understand that there is no bridge required when Fireboard is used. Is that correct? That would be a huge bonus! The SMF bridge is a constant pain in the rear.

Obviously I can migrate from Mambo to Joomla easily but the forum part is trickier, especially making sure my users integrity is maintained. Also, I understand that attachments are not yet included in the conversion.

Thanks for your help, really excited about Fireboard!

oobie

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by meadwench - 2007/11/07 05:44

OK, I followed the instructions, got my smf database copied over to my joomla db, installed fireboard 1.01 build 1, put the smftofb code in components, and was able to open the page here: http://meadfest.org/index.php?option=com_smftofb

However, when I click on any of the buttons, nothing happens. It just sits there. I checked my error logs, and don't see any errors, so I'm stumped.

Does anyone have any ideas?

Running:

Joomla 1.013

SMF 1.1.4

Fireboard 1.01 Build 1

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by freakshowtm - 2007/11/14 08:03

you have to login as a super administrator in the frontend first before you open the link
http://meadfest.org/index.php?option=com_smftofb

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by flavius - 2007/12/01 16:17

I was gonna attempt the conversion today but it seems all download links for the converter are broken now with the new site.

Can someone re-post them ? Thanks :silly:

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by joomman - 2007/12/01 17:12

can some please upload all the files need to rs or here or pm me for my email s you ca email the to me please thanks

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by moonray - 2007/12/01 17:49

Hi,

You can get the required files here.

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by matty - 2007/12/01 20:33

thanks bro

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by flavius - 2007/12/01 21:25

Thanks for the files. I appreciate it !

Unfortunately I don't get very far. I get this when I try to install the forum:
component_Fireboard_Forum_1.0.1_build_1/avatars/gallery/airplane.gif does not exist!
And then ist just stops the install. The pic is there btw. I checked.
Couldn't find another download of the build_1 so I am stuck.

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by amedeus - 2007/12/05 13:00

smf ---> joomlaboard ---> fireboard worked for me around 1500 post were converted correctly i didnt have any childboard and not so many attachments so thats why i choose the above mentioned method

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard + Joomla 1.5

Posted by serge06 - 2007/12/11 06:52

Hi,
I am on Joomla 1.5 RC3 with SMF not bridged, but in the same db. Can I use the same files for conversion?

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Great Converter - One Mystery, and a question

Posted by dogood - 2007/12/12 20:43

hello

On a site running Joomla 1.0.12 Stable with SMF latest version; bridge with Orstio's one. i ran the converter, following the modus operandi. I just had to rename some categories, removing some ' that couldn't be there for the job to be done . All messages, attachments, categories were imported without any errors everywhere, but in one categorie, displaying no messages, while the messages for the said catrgory are in the fireboard tables! I can't even figure out the difference between these non-displayed messages and the others, hence there are no differences. I get fuzzy on this mystery, maybe if someone has a start point, or something?

The question is I can't save almost any screens of fireboard admin, because of new fields in the code, missing in the database. Looking further to upgrade this database, shouldn't you, say, put the latest sql code for Fireboard stable in the converter, add the correct version headers, and rename the files?

Thanks for the great code, interface, and progress bars!

Bravo from France!

PS: Our Fireboard forum is OffLine right now, as some work has to be done. I can put it online if someone has an idea to solve the mystery! :silly:

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Re:Great Converter - One Mystery, and a question

Posted by mickscool - 2007/12/17 06:38

Hi,
First of all thanks for the great guide.

I followed all the steps and all the data was migrated successfully but the replies and views are showing zeros (0) for all the topics.

Can you please tell me how to fix this??

I am using Joomla 1.5 RC3 with FB 1.0.3

Thanks

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by Liberty Dog - 2007/12/17 08:19

meadwench wrote:

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Does anyone have any ideas?

Running:

Joomla 1.013
SMF 1.1.4
Fireboard 1.01 Build 1

I have the same problem (with the same versions) and logging in as a Super Admin does not change it. When I press the "Import Categories" button, it just says "Please wait..." indefinitely.

Any thoughts would be greatly appreciated.

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by konors - 2007/12/17 13:24

I did step by step as shown on the guide and it worked like charm thanks. The only problem I have now is that I'm unable to upgrade Fireboard to version 1.03 Stable. When I run the Mysql queries of the upgrade supplied in the 1.03 zip it returns me SQL errors on some tables.

Does anyone have upgraded the board after the smf conversion?

thanks

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by grumblemarc - 2007/12/17 14:16

Has nothing to do with the conversion. Check the stickies in the Upgrading forum.

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by hanana - 2007/12/25 11:20

first tahnk you for this good convertes its good job

I have some questins

1 use it but

1 some replay mesages turn to new topics

2 topic counters turn to 0 zero

3 get sql eror invalid SKYPE

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__main Forum

____sub forum

turn to

__main forum

__sub forum

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by ComposerRyan - 2007/12/27 22:59

I followed this step-by-step only to end up with a broken Fireboard. One of my categories (which originally had around 2,000 posts) did not have any and another category had too many posts. So, somehow, all of my posts are now mixed up together spread across the categories randomly. So, in the end, this method does not work and is not rock solid which was disappointing. I appreciate you putting together the guide, but this is yet another waste of time on my end...

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by ComposerRyan - 2008/01/04 04:58

UPDATE!

There is one VERY important thing left out of the guide: the version of SMF. I was using and older version (1.1 RC3) and when I upgraded my SMF to 1.1.1, it seems that the converter worked with limited problems. Yes, some of the replies were separated into their own posts but I can live with that.

So, make sure you're using SMF 1.1.1 if you are going to try this converter! And you have to use Fireboard 1.0.1 build with it too (not 1.0.3 or 1.0.4, it MUST be 1.0.1)

Now I have to go through upgrading it to 1.0.4 At leat I got this far!

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UTF-8 Problem

Posted by Fluffymuffin - 2008/02/24 22:20

First off, hats off to Leigh Godson (Bunglehaze) who turned what would have been a nightmare of a conversion into a not-very-difficult process.

One question I have - I made the mistake of converting my SMF tables to UTF-8 a few months back.

When I did the SMF>FB conversion all of the html tags and ampersand characters were not moved over correctly and now show up within the text.

The default database encoding is latin1_swedish_ci, but the SMF tables are UTF-8. Anyone know how to convert UTF-8 tables back to 'latin1_swedish_ci'?

Re:UTF-8 Problem

Posted by Fluffymuffin - 2008/02/25 01:51

OK, I'm not 100% sure it's a UTF-8 problem anymore. I dumped the relevant tables, used iconv to move it all into Latin1, dropped the tables and then rebuilt them as Latin1 tables, but I still have the problem.

To wit, HTML entities are showing up in text, so instead of a break in the line I get 'br' in brackets, etc, as well as ampersand characters. I'd appreciate any guidance on this.

Re:UTF-8 Problem

Posted by bwkeyboardman - 2008/02/25 08:59

I had the same problem with my conversion. Using a text editor, after exporting the sql table for the messages text, I did a find and replace for all the html tags and imported this back into the sql.

I also had challenges with attachments. Since I had only 50+ messages with attachments, this was fixed by me copying the attachments to the com_fireboard upload folder then renaming them based on the new file name they are supposed to be.

Otherwise, it was a good conversion.

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by kai920 - 2008/03/06 19:15

ComposerRyan wrote:

UPDATE!

Now I have to go through upgrading it to 1.0.4 At least I got this far!

WHoOPS wish I read your post 2 minutes ago. I'm trying to run the import on FB 1.0.4 (running SMF 1.1.4 and J!1.0.12). Good thing I am testing on localhost...

edit have gotten to the final stage of importing attachments. so far the only error messages I've seen are

line 327, undefined \$SKYPE variable

importing attachments does not take into account that I may be on a localhost Windows server, so I get paths such as "E:\xampp\htdocs\forum\attachments\71_IMAGE_00155_Medium...."

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by kai920 - 2008/03/07 09:04

Well I finally got my SMF converted to Fb 1.0.4, but the attachments didn't seem to work. I will have to research more into what bwkeyboardman did...

Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by llema - 2008/03/20 10:33

I did the conversion from SMF to FB following the instructions in this thread...every thing seems to have worked except that I no longer have attachments in my posts. (post structures are a little bit messed up but I can live with that). I really need to get my attachments back though! I followed up by upgrading from 1.0.1 to 1.0.4 hoping that might fix it but it didn't obviously...I am in desperate need of help! Can anyone help in getting the attachments to work please!!!

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by Anttik - 2008/03/20 13:35

ComposerRyan wrote:

So, make sure you're using SMF 1.1.1 if you are going to try this converter!

Where I can find update files from 1.1RC3 to 1.1.1?

Nevermind, found them and run conversion based with this posts instructions. Basically all seemed to go well, but there are numerous message splits and loads of posts are missing including all from one category. But will try to sort them by hand and live with those errors. Also for some reason all linefeeds where changed to br-tags during conversion so now all posts are quite messy :S

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by llema - 2008/03/20 20:48

Come on folks! there has to be a way to get attachments back up!!!! PLEASE HELP!!!!:(

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion wo

Posted by bwkeyboardman - 2008/03/28 13:37

I can't tell you any more other then I had only one forum to make changes in. I only had to deal with jpgs and gifs. I found the files located in smf, including the references to their file names. I then copied them to the correct folder in com_fireboard and renamed each jpg/gif file.

Hope this helps.

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Re:GUIDE-Making the SMF to Fireboard conversion work

Posted by Kia - 2008/03/29 20:18

I have followed the lead on the message below - the first post on this thread to port my SMF forums to fireboard. Everything ran as it should but nothing was moved over to fireboard.

Question: How will the threads come over from the SMF database - the document does not indicate where the userid and password needs to be entered for the SMF database?

Question: I installed Joomla 1.0.x and then fireboard 1.0.1 as indicated (without activating the database) but the users and theads need to come over from the SMF database but I did not specify SMF info, link, location, database in the php...

Unless I am missing a major component - I cant seem to understand how the threads, users, categories and posts from SMF will move over to fireboard!

Could someone please tell me where I am going wrong?

Appreciate any assistance.

Kia

bunglehaze wrote:

Component - Fireboard 1.01-build1
com_smftofb
and importantly - smf_2_fb_v2.txt

So to begin...

If you have fireboard installed now get rid of it, delete all the fireboard folders on your server in /components and /administrator/components if there are any left behind, go into your db and delete the relevant fireboard entries too so either mos_fb_ or jos_fb_ depending if you were once a mambo user that converted to joomla!

Install the fireboard component in the usual way, once it is installed leave it * Do not click on create database *

Unzip the com_smftofb.zip folder and then go into your server backend and to the /components directory, in here you need to upload the unzipped com_smftofb folder and contents.

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